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PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS.

UNITED STATES.

REQUEST FOR REPORTS ON DYSENTERY.

Medical officers, acting assistant surgeons of the Marine-Hospital Service, secretaries of State boards of health, and other sanitarians are requested to report as soon as practicable whether dysentery is prevailing in their respective localities, giving the type of the disease, number of cases (when possible), and mortality. The information is desired for the purpose of scientific investigations which are being made on this subject.

[Reports to the Surgeon-General United States Marine-Hospital Service.]

[Telegram.]

Plague on board steamship Carlisle City at San Diego.

SAN DIEGO, CAL., June 22, 1901.

British steamer *Carlisle City* from Hongkong, 1 death before reaching Honolulu; 5 deaths between Honolulu and San Diego; last death two days ago; 5 of the deaths undoubtedly due to plague; all well on board at present; every precaution taken. Am disinfecting.

McKAY.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

[Telegram—Later.]

SAN DIEGO, CAL., June 24, 1901.

Five cases among the crew; 1 steerage passenger; all Chinese and all fatal. Cargo, matting, rice beans, wine, peanut oil, canned Chinese provisions, jar goods; steamer full freight, half for San Diego, balance for San Francisco; original crew 44 Chinese, 8 Europeans; passengers, steerage 12 (Chinese), cabin 1 (European); sailed Hongkong May 16, Yokohama May 29; cook taken sick June 6, died June 9; no glandular swelling; arrived Honolulu 6 a. m. June 11, sailed at 6 p. m. June 13; fireman ill June 14, died June 19; glandular swelling; donkeyman ill June 17, died June 19; glandular swelling; greaser ill June 17, died June 21; glandular swelling; sailor ill June 18, died June 20; glandular swelling; steerage passenger ill (noon) June 18, died 1.30 p. m. All had high temperature, pain in back and limbs, and glandular regions. Dead rats noticed before first case illness. Cases occurred different parts ship; forecastle disinfected, steam, sulphur, bichloride; steerage and sick bay, sulphur, bichloride. Passengers and crew bathed

and effects disinfected by steam ; dead buried at sea ; baggage destroyed ; crew and passengers mustered and temperature taken at 4 p. m. ; all well.

McKAY.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

[Telegram.]

Smallpox on schooner Hugh Kelly at Savannah, Ga.

SAVANNAH, GA., June 16, 1901.

Schooner *Hugh Kelly*, ten days from New York, 1 case smallpox on board. Vessel and crew of 8 sent to Savannah quarantine for disinfection.

HOBODY.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Smallpox at Savannah Quarantine, Savannah, Ga.

SAVANNAH QUARANTINE, SAVANNAH, GA., June 20, 1901.

SIR: Confirming my telegram of the 17th instant, I have the honor to report the arrival at this station of the American schooner *Hugh Kelly* with a case of smallpox aboard. The vessel was from Savannah (previous port, New York), and was sent here by Asst. Surg. W. C. Hobdy. Immediately after arrival all hands were vaccinated. Early the next day the case was removed to the camp at the old quarantine station and the vessel brought to the wharf for disinfection. The schooner has been thoroughly disinfected, special attention being paid to the galley, pantry, cook's room, stores, tableware, and cooking utensils, as the cook is the one affected with the disease. The *Hugh Kelly* arrived in Savannah on the afternoon of the 14th, and both the captain and cook informed me that the disease did not develop until the next morning ; but, considering the history, the patient presented a remarkably well-developed vesicular eruption on the afternoon of the 16th. As all of the crew but the first mate fail to show vaccination marks which can be considered protective, it is considered advisable to detain them the regulation period for observation. The patient is doing well at present.

Respectfully,

WM. J. LINLEY,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Smallpox at Evansville, Ind.

EVANSVILLE, IND., June 22, 1901.

SIR: I have the honor to report 1 case of smallpox in the pesthouse in this city.

Respectfully,

B. W. BROWN,
Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Smallpox in Maine.

AUGUSTA, ME., June 20, 1901.

SIR: Since my notification under date of May 29, of 1 case of smallpox in Milo and 1 in Dexter, the number of infected places in this State,